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FROM AMB. SCALI

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR UN XF

SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORT

1. IN COURSE OF CALL ON UNSYG WALDHEIM MAR 6 FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM AFRICA PREVIOUS DAY, I PASSED TO HIM TEXT OF US PROPOSAL ACCEPTED BY ISRAEL & EGYPT ON LIMITATIONS OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS. WALDHEIM ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS GRATITUDE TO SECY KISSINGER. HE ALSO REQUESTED WE REPORT HIS APPRECIATION OF TWO MESSAGES FROM SECY KISSINGER HE HAD RECEIVED IN COURSE OF AFRICAN TRIP. FIRST OF THESE WAS MESSAGE US HAD PASSED ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE. SECOND WAS MESSAGE FROM SECY DELIVERED TO HIM IN TOGO ONLY 24 HOURS AFTER HE HAD ASKED OUR AMBASSADOR IN DAHOMEY TO GET RESPONSIBLE COMMENT ON PRESS REPORTS ABOUT ME DEVELOPMENTS.

2. WALDHEIM'S THANKS WERE OBVIOUSLY SINCERE. AT SAME TIME HE REITERATED PLEA FOR CONTINUATION OF FLOW OF INFORMATION FROM SECY KISSINGER BUT FOR MORE DETAIL ON PROMPTTEST
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POSSIBLE BASIS. IN THIS CONNECTION NOTED THAT HE ALS RECEIVED SOME INFORMATION FROM PARTIES, INTIMATING THAT SUCH INFO ONLY PARTIAL AND THAT HE WOULD FEEL MORE CONFIDENT OF INFORMATION FROM US.

3. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN OCCASIONS WHEN INFO HAD
LEAKED TO PRESS BEFORE HE RECEIVED IT OFFICIALLY.
HE LIKED TO BE ABLE TO REASSURE PRESS HONESTLY THAT HE HAD IN
FACT BEEN INFORMED BY DR. KISSINGER IN TIMELY FASHION
OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ME SITUATION. FOR EXAMPLE, HE PLANNED
PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 7 AND WOULD CERTAINLY BE ASKED WHETHER
OR NOT UN WAS FULLY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT US IS DOING IN
NON-UN CHANNELS ABOUT MATTER OF WHICH UN IS SEIZED.
WALDHEIM SAID HE FULLY SHARED OUR VIEW THAT IT IS RESULTS
THAT COUNT-AND NOT WHETHER US OR UN GETS CREDIT. HE
DID WISH, HOWEVER, IN INTERESTS OF BOTH, TO BE ABLE TO
REASSURE QUESTIONERS. HE SAID HE WOULD STATE, IF ASKED,
THAT SECY KISSINGER HAD KEPT HIM INFORMED DURING SYG'S
AFRICAN TRIP BUT WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT HE ALSO
BEEN BRIEFED SINCE RETURN EITHER BY SECY DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ME.

4. I TOLD WALDHEIM I APPRECIATED IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING
HIM FULLY INFORMED AND THAT I WOULD ENDORSE HIS
REQUEST WHEN REPORTING IT. I SAID WE WERE GRATEFUL FOR HIS
TACT IN DEALING WITH PRESS ON THIS MATTER AND
RECOGNIZED LEGITIMACY OF HIS WISH TO SATISFY PRESS AND PUBLIC
WITHOUT DEPARTING FROM TRUTH ABOUT HOW MUCH INFO WE HAD
PASSED HIM.
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